

St. Cecilia's Public School Fire Safety Mock Drill – A Life Saving Exercise



In continuation with the exercise to create awareness among the students about disaster management, a mock fire and evacuation drill involving students and teachers was conducted from classes I to XII on 27th November 2018 to create awareness among the students about fire-fighting techniques and the ways to respond swiftly in times of such emergency situation.

The mock drill was carried out in the school to prepare students and teachers for any such eventuality under the fire risk reduction programme. The purpose to organize the mock drill was to check the readiness of the school to face any such fire emergency and also to make the students and staff aware about the Fire Fighting Rescue Operation.

A group of teachers and student volunteers armed with necessary paraphernalia required for fire fighting and rescue operations positioned themselves at vantage points to guide and assist the students in the mock fire and evacuation drill. The students were escorted by their subject teachers to the school ground after the hooter sound. Once all had assembled on the ground, they were advised not to panic in case of any disaster. They were instructed to be with teachers at the time of disaster and follow the instructions given to them by their teachers.

The “evacuation” operation began immediately after the fire alarm alerted the students. The students were immediately evacuated from their classrooms and asked to gather at the assembly area. Keeping all the safety measures, the entire building was successfully evacuated within 4.5 minutes.

The Teacher In-charge Ms. Shashi shared simple and easy guidelines to follow safety tips with the students. She explained the functioning of a fire extinguisher and spoke of the Do's and Don'ts regarding possibilities of fire. Some students were even called on stage to operate the fire-extinguishers independently.

Mock drill was monitored by Madam Principal. She addressed the assembly and had interaction with students regarding their perception of this drill. She also addressed certain precautions to be taken care of at the time of emergency.

The session proved to be informative and an imperative lesson on life-saving skills.